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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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- 1. Fee Transmittal Form
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- 2. Applicant claims Small Entity status, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
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 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description of the Invention (including drawings, if filed)
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- 4. Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets]
- 5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 4]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- 6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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- 7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
- 8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. paper
 - c. Statement verifying identity of above copies



ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- 9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- 10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
- 11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
- 12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
- 13. Preliminary Amendment
- 14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
- 15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
- 16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent
- 17. Other:

18. If a CONTINUATING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) | of prior application No.: 09/835,241 filed April 12, 2001.

Prior application information: Examiner: Tate, Christopher Robin Group Art Unit: 1654

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application no. 09/835,241 filed on April 12, 2001, which is a continuation of prior application no. 08/950,815, filed on October 17, 1997.

of Lantero OJ and Shetty JK

(inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)

for Process for the Preparation of Gluconic Acid and Gluconic Acid Produced Thereby

(title of invention)

1. The filing fee is calculated below:

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3. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence: This is a continuation of application no. 09/835,241, filed April 12, 2001, herein incorporated by reference in its entirety, which is a continuation of application no. 08/950,815, filed October 15, 1997, now abandoned.

4a. New formal drawings are enclosed.

4b. Informal drawings are enclosed.

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5a. Priority of application no. filed on in is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

5b. The certified copy has been filed in prior application no. , filed

6. The prior application is assigned of record to

7a. A copy of the Power of Attorney filed in the prior application no. , filed is enclosed.

7b. A Power of Attorney is enclosed.

8. This application contains nucleic acid and/or amino acid sequences required to be disclosed in a Sequence Listing under 37 CFR §§1.821-1.825. It is requested that the Sequence Listing in computer readable form from prior application no., filed on be made a part of the present application as provided for by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e). The sequences disclosed therein are the same as the sequences disclosed in this application. A copy of the paper Sequence Listing from application no. is enclosed.

9. The undersigned states, under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f), that the content of the enclosed paper Sequence Listing from application no. is the same as the content of the computer readable form submitted in application no. .

10. DO NOT PUBLISH. I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

11. Additional enclosures or instruction

Date July 2, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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